GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:357
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Migration of Workers
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government is aware of the migration of workers/unemployed youth from the rural areas of the country;
(b)if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor including the number of migrant workers during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
(c)the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to prevent migration of workers/unemployed youth and contain them near their places?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *357 FOR 27.03.2017 RAISED BY SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI AND SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV REGARDING MIGRATION OF WORKERS.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Details of State-wise migration of workers/unemployed youth from the rural areas of the country is placed at Annexure-I. The reasons for such migration are lack of job opportunities in the local market, avenues for better wages or better employment opportunities at the destination states/cities.
(c): To prevent migration of unemployed work force and contain them near their native places, the Government has enacted Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 which aims at enhancing the livelihood security of people in rural areas by guaranteeing hundred days of wage-employment in a financial year to a rural household, whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Further the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in collaboration with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has been implementing a credit-linked subsidy programme named Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) with an objective to generate self-employment opportunities in rural as well as urban areas through establishment of microenterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and unemployed youth.